

Dr. Krug's Decision On Journey to Baha Surprises Friends

Noted Surgeon Who Has Em- braced New Religion of Oriental Leader Long Known as an Agnostic

The call of Abdul Baha, whose distant home at the foot of Mount Carmel is to-day the mecca of thousands of Bahaists from all over the world, is the direct cause of Dr. Florian Krug, an eminent medical specialist here, giving up his long standing practice to journey to Palestine. There he and his wife will live at Haifa, the home of Abdul Baha. They sail for the East next autumn. Dr. Krug will continue his work in the mean time.

His colleagues and friends are immeasurably surprised at this step, for he has long been known as an agnostic and an analytical thinker. In addition to his private practice, he is on the staff of Mount Sinai and Lenox Hill hospitals. His office is at 615 Madison Avenue.

Mrs. Krug has been a follower of Abdul Baha for sixteen years. When the mystic visited this country in 1912 he was frequently at the Krug home, 129 East Sixty-ninth Street. In 1920 Dr. and Mrs. Krug were in Palestine and visited the "Beloved," as Abdul Baha is known to his followers. The peace of the place so permeated them that the New York surgeon expressed a wish that he might end his days in the quiet of Haifa. Not long ago there arrived a "tablet," which is the name given to communications from Abdul Baha, summoning the Krugs to Palestine. It intimated that they might be called upon to do missionary work for the Bahaistic cause and to travel extensively in the East.

The tenets of Bahaism are comprehensive in their scope and embrace everything from the stilling of industrial unrest to a universal language. The twelve basic Baha principles which the Krugs have adopted are as follows: (1) The oneness of the world of humanity; (2) independent investigation of truth; (3) the foundation of all religions is one; (4) religion must be the cause of unity; (5) religion must be in accord with science and reason; (6) equality between men and women; (7) prejudice of all kinds must be forgotten; (8) universal peace; (9) universal education; (10) solution of the economic problem; (11) a universal language; (12) an international tribunal.

"We believe that the millennium has dawned," said Mrs. Krug yesterday. "In our religion there is no antagonism, no hatred. Cooperation takes the place of competition. Our principle is non-resistance. A follower of the Beloved cannot lie, steal or be deceitful. He cannot do anything that is not noble and pure. We want to uplift and illumine people all over the world."

The Bahaistic movement began with

the teaching of Mohammed Ali in 1844. It embraces all creeds, religions and tongues. Two-thirds of the entire population of Persia is Bahaistic. Abdul Baha is the third leader. He has spent most of his life in prison. There are so many followers of the "Beloved" in this country that a temple is to be built in Chicago costing \$1,500,000.

Rent Referee Proposal Assailed by Realty Men

Lockwood Amendments Called Some Improvement, but Not Enough to End Friction

Stewart Browne, president of the United Real Estate Owners' Association, commenting on the amendments to the rent laws introduced in the Legislature Saturday by Senator Charles Lockwood, chairman of the Lockwood committee, declared that as a whole they were an improvement, but that they did not go as far as they could go to reduce existing friction, without injustice to the landlord or tenant.

Mr. Browne objected to the amendment providing for the appointment of referees by the Appellate Division, who are to receive \$25 a day and \$10 for a stenographer, to whom the justices of the Municipal Court may refer non-jury rent cases. "The United Association objects most strongly to these referees," said Mr. Browne. "In the first place, the \$25 a day ought to be \$50, as they have the same discretion as the municipal justices as to the reasonableness of the rent. It is these discretion decisions that have produced the extreme bitterness between landlords and tenants. The United Association doesn't think this bitterness will be reduced by the appointment of referees, but will be increased."

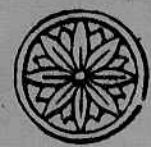
Untermeyer Will Act As Counsel on Housing

Proposes Organization of 300,000 Rent Payers With Bureau to Handle Litigation

Samuel Untermeyer yesterday agreed to act as voluntary counsel to the Citizens' Non-Partisan Committee on Housing, of which Samuel Gompers is chairman and Nathan Hirsch associate chairman. The announcement that Mr. Untermeyer had accepted was issued at a meeting of the committee at the Hotel Marcellus, Broadway and 103d Street, yesterday.

Mr. Untermeyer submitted a proposal to the committee which waited upon him, in which he contemplates the formation of a rent payers' association of 300,000 members and the organization of a central complaint bureau which will handle rent cases. This bureau also will take care of complaints made by householders who have been held up for extortionate fees in securing mortgages and building loans.

The details of this plan will be worked out by a sub-committee of which Mr. Hirsch will be chairman. As soon as they have been agreed upon the plan will be submitted to the central body for action.



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